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(57) Abstract: Methods for detecting nucleotide deletions in biological samples are described. Methods of the invention are particularly useful for detecting deletions in regions of polynucleotide repeats. In particular, methods of the invention are useful to detect deletions at the BAT26 locus.

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